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The Honorable Carl Hayden  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I want to express my warmest appreciation to you for your assistance in connection with appropriations for the proposed CIA headquarters installation. It is my sincere hope that the House Conferees will accept the Senate version of H. R. 7278 in respect to the CIA building.

I have written a letter to Congressman George Mahon, Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations requesting him to accept the action of the Senate with one change. You will recall that your Committee decreased to \$350,000 the sum of \$1,000,000 which we had requested for acquisition of land for a site for our headquarters installation. The best offer we now have for sufficient land in Alexandria is about \$500,000; hence \$350,000 may be inadequate, and we would like the Conferees to consider raising the figure of \$350,000 to \$500,000, (page 9, line 1 of H. R. 7278 as reported by your Committee). This does not increase the total of \$7,000,000 requested since, if site money is expended, the \$4,000,000 for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway would not be utilized. In this connection, I wish to emphasize once more that CIA has a strong preference for the Langley site, as we presently consider it to be the best available, especially from the standpoint of our security, but also in the light of all other pertinent considerations. We are, however, continuing to give the question of location the most careful study. We believe that provision for an alternative is advisable

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to assure that the final choice is the best for our purposes, and that the construction of our permanent headquarters is completed at the earliest possible time.

I am attaching herewith for your information a copy of my letter of July 26, 1955 to Congressman Mahon, together with a statement which I have submitted to him.

With kindest regards.

Respectfully yours,

*/Signed/*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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